

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is presented to perfect priority and/or parent benefit and also to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed.

/I/ Amendments (1) to (11) are merely corrections of apparent clerical errors. Specifically, the gist of amendments is as follows.

Amendment (1) has been made to correct an erroneous identification number of a polymer. Specifically, "polymer 2-1" appearing at page 126, line 13 has been amended to --modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-1--. This error is apparent from a description just before the amended portion (i.e., page 126, lines 6 to 12), which reads "Modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-1 had a styrene content of 45 % by weight, a polystyrene block content of 18 % by weight, a vinyl bond content (as measured with respect to the butadiene monomer units in modified conjugated diene polymer(i)-1) of 35 % by weight, a weight average molecular weight of 310,000 and a molecular weight distribution of 1.4".

Amendment (2) has also been made to correct an erroneous identification number of a polymer. Specifically, "polymer 2-2" appearing at page 128, line 2 has been amended to --modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-2--. This error is apparent from a description just before the amended portion (i.e., page 127, line 23 to page 128, line 2), which reads "Modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-2 had a styrene content of 30 % by weight, a polystyrene block content of 95 % by weight, a vinyl bond content of 15 % by weight and a weight average molecular weight of 110,000".

Amendment (3) has also been made to correct an erroneous identification number of a polymer. Specifically, "polymer 2-3" appearing at page 129, line 25 has been amended to --modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-3--. This error is apparent from a description of page 129, lines 20 to 24, which reads "Modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-3 had a styrene content of 30 % by weight, a polystyrene block content of 95 % by weight, a vinyl bond content of 35 % by weight, a weight average molecular weight of 70,000 and a hydrogenation ratio of 85 %".

Amendment (4) has also been made to correct an erroneous identification number of a polymer. Specifically, in accordance with amendment (3), "polymer 2-3" appearing at page 131, line 10 has been amended to --modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-3--.

Amendment (5) has been made to correct an erroneous identification of a polymer.

Specifically, each “modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-5” appearing at page 131, lines 22 and 23 has been amended to --unmodified conjugated diene polymer (i)-5--. This error is apparent from a description of the amended paragraph, which reads “... conjugated diene polymer (i)-5 was produced in substantially the same manner as in the production of modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-2, except that a modification reaction using modifier M2 was not performed”.

Amendment (6) has been made to correct an erroneous identification number of a hydrogenated copolymer composition sheet. Specifically, “comparative sheet 1” appearing at page 142, line 3 has been amended to --comparative sheet 2--. This error is apparent from a description just before the amended portion (i.e., page 141, line 24 to page 142, line 2), which reads “With respect to the obtained comparative sheet 2, the surface touch, the moldability and the anti-blocking property were evaluated by the above-mentioned methods”.

Amendment (7) has also been made to correct an erroneous identification number of a polymer. Specifically, each “polymer 1” appearing at page 142, lines 17 and 20 has been amended to --conjugated diene polymer (i)-1--. This error is apparent from a description just before the amended portion (i.e., page 142, lines 12 to 14), which reads “Using the above-obtained modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-1 as modified conjugated diene polymer (i), an adhesive composition (1) was prepared as follows”.

Amendment (8) has also been made to correct an erroneous identification of a polymer. Specifically, in accordance with amendment (5), “modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-5” appearing at page 145, line 20 has been amended to --unmodified conjugated diene polymer (i)-5--.

Amendment (9) has been made to correct an erroneous identification number of an adhesive composition. Specifically, “adhesive composition (2)” appearing at page 146, line 21 has been amended to --adhesive composition (1)--. This error is apparent from a description just after the amended portion (i.e., page 146, lines 22 to 24), which reads “...was produced in substantially the same manner as in Example 1, except that substrate cloth 2 was used instead of substrate cloth 1”.

Amendment (10) has also been made to correct an erroneous identification number of an adhesive composition. Specifically, “adhesive composition (2)” appearing at page 147, line 6 has been amended to --adhesive composition (1)--. This error is apparent from a description just after the amended portion (i.e., page 147, lines 7 to 9), which reads “... was produced in substantially the same manner as in Example 1, except that substrate cloth 3 was used instead of substrate cloth 1”.

Amendment (11) has also been made to correct erroneous identifications of polymers.

Specifically, in accordance with amendments (5) and (8), "modified conjugated diene polymer 8 (i)-5" appearing at 5th raw, 6th column of Table 5 (i.e., modified conjugated diene polymer (i) used in Comparative Example 1) has been amended to --unmodified conjugated diene polymer (i)-5--. Further, "modified conjugated diene polymer 8 (i)-1" appearing at 5th raw, 10th column of Table 5 (i.e., modified conjugated diene polymer (i) used in Example 8) has been amended to --modified conjugated diene polymer (i)-1--. This error is apparent from a description of Example 8 (i.e., page 147, lines 15 to 24), which reads "A hydrogenated copolymer-containing laminate was produced in substantially the same manner as in Example 1, except that a composition obtained by adding to adhesive composition (1) a tris(p-isocyanatophenyl)-thiophosphate-containing polyisocyanate type crosslinking agent (Desmodur RFE; manufactured and sold by Bayer AG, Germany) (hereinafter, referred to as "crosslinking agent-1") in an amount of 5 parts by weight, relative to 100 parts by weight of the modified copolymer, was used instead of adhesive composition (1)".

/II/ The amendment to claims 3, 4, 6 and 7 have been made only for removing multiple-multiple dependency expressions of the claims.

Thus, in the instant amendments, no new matter has been introduced.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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